REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the pending appeal on the above-referenced application and allowance of allowable claims 1-9 in the application according to MPEP 1215.01-1215.02. Applicant requests that the application be returned to the Examiner and that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance as to claims 1-9. Applicant believes that this withdrawal is timely because it is filed before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences obtained jurisdiction over the appeal and after the Examiner filed an answer to Applicant's appeal brief.

Claims 1-9, 15-20, and 22-25 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 10-14 and 21 were previously cancelled by the Applicant without prejudice. Applicant currently cancels claims 15-20 and 22-25 without prejudice. Claims 1-9 stand allowed.

The only claims remaining pending in the current application are claims 1-9. The Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action mailed on November 3, 2005 and in the Final Office Action mailed on July 22, 2005 that claims 1-9 are allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance with respect to claims 1-9 of the application.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action and resolving all issues set for appeal, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance with respect to the claims.

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